

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))

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Title: **GRAFTED NETWORK INCORPORATING A MULTIPLE CHANNEL FLUID FLOW CONNECTOR**

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**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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- OR**
- ☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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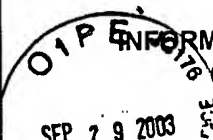
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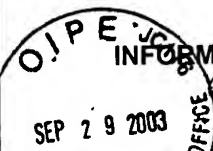
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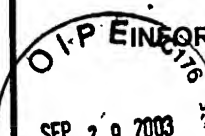
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